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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.Report for the month of April, 1949.Issued by the Government Statistician (Mr. R.J. Little), Perth 2/6/49.

This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages; Births and Deaths; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Trade; Building Construction; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Retail Prices Index; Employment; Unemployment Benefits; Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area) and Livestock Slaughterings.

POPULATION

The population of the State on the 30th June 1948 was estimated to be 515,302, comprising 264,458 Males and 250,844 Females.

On the 30th June, 1947, the Population of the Metropolitan Area was 272,528.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	MARCH		Three Months ended - MARCH	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Marriages.....No.	493	498	1,339	1,444
*Rate per 1000 of Population	11.09	11.51	10.39	11.39
Births.....No.	1,164	1,032	3,304	3,089
*Rate per 1000 of Population	26.18	23.85	25.65	24.36
Deaths.....No.	376	357	1,095	1,031
*Rate per 1000 of Population	8.46	8.25	8.50	8.13
Infant Mortality.....No.	27	29	93	85
Rate per 1000 Live Births	23.20	28.10	28.15	27.52
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis	6	13	36	38
Cancer	52	52	142	147
Influenza	-	-	3	-
Diphtheria	-	1	2	3
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	39	32	107	99
Arteriosclerosis	22	16	49	30
Diseases of the Heart	109	83	307	272
Pneumonia and Broncho Pneumonia	19	33	45	61
Diarrhoea and Enteritis	5	1	15	5
Nephritis	6	14	27	35
Diseases of Early Infancy	15	18	52	51
Senility	5	3	25	14
Accidents	35	23	81	71
All Other Causes	63	68	204	205
TOTAL	376	357	1,095	1,031

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the four months ended April totalled 205,770 acres, a decrease of 37,095 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 888,048 acres, an increase of 310,326 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

	Month of APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Revenue	£ 1,808,309	£ 1,530,004	£ 16,450,329	£ 13,466,179
Revenue per Head of Popln.	£3. 9. 0.	£2.19. 9.	£31.12. 6.	£26.10. 8.
Expenditure	£ 1,792,479	£ 1,597,680	£ 17,132,545	£ 14,571,265
Expenditure per Head of Popln.	£3. 8. 4.	£3. 2. 5.	£32.18. 9.	£28.14. 2.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 30th April amounted to £36,886,926 or £70. 5. 3d. per head of population as against £35,546,077 or £69. 6.10d. per head as at the 30th April last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 27th April, 1949 amounted to £5,571,040 compared with £5,480,058 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles & Deeds	APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Transfers No.	1,475	1,426	15,823	14,350
Mortgages No.	£ 935,261	828,926	9,007,141	7,757,081
Discharges of Mortgages	798	863	8,541	8,780
	£ 722,353	1,028,805	8,362,380	8,377,262
	No. 749	855	8,123	8,644

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS & TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
<u>1948 -</u>	£	£	£	£
April	1,463,655	1,226,320	3,719,757	156,617
May	1,369,377	772,233	3,414,017	155,967
June	1,366,881	1,156,566	3,913,584	162,770
July	1,222,057	834,278	4,304,727	147,595
August	1,535,712	1,104,077	3,564,010	155,618
September	1,412,657	949,181	3,424,681	179,347
October	1,402,699	905,874	3,320,550	164,704
November	1,621,539	1,010,631	3,508,259	180,926
December	1,685,438	972,483	3,963,816	176,856
<u>1949 -</u>				
January	1,638,073	836,857	3,330,179	193,500
February	1,489,294	1,079,247	3,713,023	157,545
March	1,550,362	924,269	3,448,964	175,815
April	1,530,797	835,888	3,532,224	170,391

COMPANIES REGISTERED

97 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £9,178,500 and 39 Foreign Companies were registered during the ten months ended April, 1949. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 97 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £2,857,500 and 38 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

	10 Months ended APRIL					
	1949			1948		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	17	£ 15,603	£ 3,109	12	£ 25,239	£ 3,895
Deeds of Assignment(a)	10	50,255	43,047	8	13,619	10,411
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follows :-

	MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
ross Earnings (a)	£ 456,200	£ 400,200	£ 3,922,000	£ 3,476,500
orking Expenses (a)	£ 601,400	£ 515,414	£ 4,993,021	£ 4,036,620
rain Miles Run	No. 612,505	614,250	5,311,388	5,463,940
assenger Journeys (a)	No. 1,240,472	1,358,867	9,758,862	10,503,192
onnage Carried -				
Paying Goods	221,844	241,928	1,933,959	1,989,952
Livestock	12,557	11,450	135,321	128,721
Departmental (Free Freight)	48,336	40,142	432,094	424,526
Total	282,737	293,520	2,501,374	2,543,199
et Ton Mileage of -				
Paying Goods	32,071,280	35,999,467	280,995,153	291,706,817
Livestock	1,396,730	1,297,197	16,909,283	15,610,835
Departmental (Free Freight)	6,827,811	5,755,691	66,174,055	67,935,366
Total	40,295,821	43,052,355	364,078,491	375,253,018

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH OWNED VEHICLES)

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
Year 1947	No. 1,224	No. 519	No. 40	No. 593	No. 2,066	No. 1,685	No. 54	No. 883
Year 1948	2,083	726	63	824	4,036	2,483	114	1,376
1949 -								
January	162	34	3	72	291	135	11	127
February	166	62	6	109	368	210	10	182
March	201	84	4	91	451	292	6	160

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)*

Date (As at end of Month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (In- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
1947 -	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
June	20,522	9,467	255	5,290	32,793	31,382	331	8,196
1948 -								
June	21,968	10,132	275	5,445	35,485	34,362	457	8,874
December	23,389	11,081	335	6,063	37,820	36,453	572	9,622
1949 -								
January	23,572	11,087	332	6,098	37,483	35,130	570	9,629
February	23,672	11,103	335	6,213	38,241	36,351	594	9,938
March	23,809	11,147	337	6,277	38,940	37,239	598	10,191

* Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles, which comprised for March, 1949 - 128 Cars; 550 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 6 Buses, and 3 Motor Cycles.

TRADE (Interstate and Oversea).

Trade of Western Australia, March, 1949 and 1948, and 9 Months ending March, 1949 and 1948, expressed in terms of Australian currency :-

	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores)			
	MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH		MARCH		9 Months ended MARCH	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
Overseas	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000	£A,000
	1,649	1,807	15,859	12,413	5,433	3,810	38,398	35,118
Interstate	2,659	1,948	22,914	18,954	354	416	3,400	4,359
TOTAL	4,308	3,755	38,773	31,367	5,787	4,226	41,798	39,477

BUILDING ACTIVITY

Note: These tables supersede particulars published in previous reports of Building Permits issued by Local Authorities.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors, etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Year 1946	55	£,000 32	1,316	£,000 1,221	52	£,000 82	145	£,000 192	1,568	£,000 1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
1948 -										
March Qtr. 1949 -	66	48	504	552	4	4	88	76	662	680
March Qtr.	194	149	523	705	13	32	73	178	803	1,064

(a) Comprises Governmental Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations and includes Shop Dwellings and other Residential, excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.
(Including Owner-Built Homes).

	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other Material		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
Year 1946	578	£,000 640	186	£,000 140	373	£,000 296	227	£,000 172	1,364	£,000 1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
1948 -										
March Qtr. 1949 -	247	320	72	48	245	225	3	1	567	594
March Qtr.	297	447	59	48	354	352	6	5	716	852

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

269,890 lbs. were produced during March, 1949, and 13,700,024 lbs. for the nine months ended March, 1949, as against 299,977 lbs. and 13,821,355 lbs., respectively, for the corresponding periods for 1948.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	APRIL		4 Months ended APRIL	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Quantity ... Fine Ozs.	49,413	49,155	199,147	195,798
Value (Aust. Currency) £	531,804	529,043	2,143,316	2,107,396

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the four months ended April, 1949 amounted to £118,937. Dividends reported for the corresponding period for 1948 were £146,249.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

Town	Food and Groceries				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)			
	APRIL		4 Months ended APRIL		MARCH QUARTER		12 Months ended MARCH	
	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948
Metropolitan Area	1396	1208	1368	1196	1338	1221	1294	1182
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1543	1349	1511	1340	1441	1331	1395	1288
Northam	1416	1227	1390	1215	1347	1227	1302	1191
Bunbury	1406	1214	1379	1202	1355	1232	1307	1194
Geraldton	1436	1238	1405	1224	1411	1280	1360	1242
Collie	1419	1226	1389	1210	1288	1170	1246	1137

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1947 -</u>			
October	105,646	35,924	141,570
November	105,849	36,308	142,157
December	106,764	36,645	143,409
<u>1948 -</u>			
January	106,732	36,366	143,098
February	106,519	36,527	143,046
March	107,574	36,832	144,406
April	108,141	36,908	145,049
May	109,227	36,880	146,107
June	109,205	36,942	146,147
July	109,375	37,154	146,529
August	108,611	37,073	145,684
September	109,416	37,224	146,640
October	110,240	37,592	147,832
November	111,010	37,704	148,714
December	111,491	38,015	149,506
<u>1949 -</u>			
January	111,653	36,839	148,492
February	110,931	37,417	148,348
March	112,063	37,770	149,833

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1945	1946	1947	1948(a)	1949(a)	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
January	142	145	162	171	177	870	995	1134	1233	1354
February	142	148	164	172	177	868	1016	1138	1249	1358
March	144	151	166	176	178	877	1045	1145	1264	1371
April	144	153	167	176		876	1051	1144	1264	
May	144	154	168	177		891	1069	1151	1277	
June	145	154	167	176		903	1087	1153	1277	
July	146	157	167	177(a)		899	1096	1168	1301	
August	145	159	167	176		897	1109	1181	1294	
September	143	160	168	177		914	1114	1172	1302	
October	141	161	168	178		929	1118	1184	1313	
November	141	158	169	178		965	1133	1215	1349	
December	145	163	170	179		1012	1165	1267	1385	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1947 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

(Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician)

Month	Admittances			Discharges			On Benefit End of Month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1947 -</u>									
January	483	8	491	668	17	685	1,001	26	1,027
February	396	12	408	559	15	574	838	23	861
March	459	13	472	549	13	562	748	23	771
April	342	3	345	314	8	322	776	18	794
May	454	11	465	481	15	496	749	14	763
June	347	10	357	352	7	359	744	17	761
July	410	13	423	373	15	388	781	15	796
August	351	9	360	538	9	547	594	15	609
September	179	5	184	279	5	284	494	15	509
October	183	7	190	235	5	240	442	17	459
November	177	11	188	261	11	272	358	17	375
December	181	7	188	124	9	133	415	15	430
<u>1948 -</u>									
January	335	4	339	393	9	402	357	10	367
February	131	5	136	185	8	193	303	7	310
March	112	3	115	181	5	186	234	5	239
April	90	4	94	140	2	142	184	7	191
May	127	4	131	125	8	133	186	3	189
June	117	6	123	97	3	100	206	6	212
July (a)	128	5	133	141	7	148	193	4	197
Aug. (a)	95	6	101	110	3	113	178	7	185
Sept. (a)	68	2	70	105	3	108	141	6	147
Oct. (a)	66	5	71	92	8	100	115	3	118
Nov. (a)	44	2	46	64	4	68	95	1	96
Dec. (a)	49	1	49	38	-	38	106	2	108
<u>1949 -</u>									
Jan. (a)	107	6	113	88	3	91	125	5	130
Feb. (a)	75	3	78	87	5	92	113	3	116

(a) Subject to Revision.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	APRIL		10 Months ended APRIL	
	1949	1948	1949	1948
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	19,323	18,750	183,181	185,838
Units Sold (1000 K.W.H.)	16,139	15,878	154,719	158,668

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
April, 1949	No.	No.	No.	No.
	7,088	267	60,422	8,026
April, 1948	6,261	224	56,724	8,152
Months ended April, 1949	24,826	1,374	261,391	38,119
Months ended April, 1948	21,459	860	219,632	38,592

